

## Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A process for producing ~~HFC-227ea~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CFHCF<sub>3</sub> comprising ~~the steps of:~~

(a) ~~contacting a C-3 reactants~~ reactant selected for the group consisting of aliphatic, olefinic, or partially halogenated hydrocarbons having at least three carbon atoms, comprising one or more of perhydrogenated or partially halogenated C-3 hydrocarbons with Cl<sub>2</sub> and HF in the presence of a ~~metal-containing~~ first catalyst at a sufficient first temperature to form ~~perhalogenated compounds~~ a C-3 product comprising a C-3 perhalogenated compound;

(b) ~~contacting the perhalogenated compounds~~ C-3 product with HF in the presence of a ~~metal-containing~~ second catalyst at a sufficient second temperature to form ~~CFC-216aa~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>;

(c) ~~contacting the CFC-216aa~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> with HF in the presence of a ~~metal~~ containing third catalyst at a sufficient third temperature to form ~~CFC-217ba~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CClFCF<sub>3</sub>; and

(d) ~~contacting the CFC-217ba~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CClFCF<sub>3</sub> with H<sub>2</sub> in the presence of a ~~metal~~ containing fourth catalyst at a sufficient fourth temperature to produce ~~HFC-227ea~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CFHCF<sub>3</sub>.

Claim 2 (Original): The process of claim 1 wherein the first temperature is at least about 150°C, the second temperature is at least about 300°C, the third temperature is at least about 200°C and the fourth temperature is at least about 30°C.

Claim 3 (Original): The process of claim 2 wherein the first temperature is from about 150°C to about 450°C, the second temperature is from about 300°C to about 550°C, the third temperature is from about 200°C to about 550°C and the fourth temperature is from about 30°C to about 275°C.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The process of claim 3 wherein the first temperature is at least about 220°C, the second temperature is at least about 470°C, the third temperature is at least about 470°C and the fourth temperature is at least about 185°C.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the HF and the Cl<sub>2</sub>, a molar ratio of HF:Cl<sub>2</sub> used in step (a) the HF to the Cl<sub>2</sub> is from about 0.75:1 to about 8:1.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The process of claim 5 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the HF and the Cl<sub>2</sub>, a molar ratio of HF:Cl<sub>2</sub> used in step (a) the HF to the Cl<sub>2</sub> is at least about 4:1.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the HF and the Cl<sub>2</sub>, a molar ratio of the Cl<sub>2</sub> to the C-3 reactants used in step (a) reactant is from about 8:1 to about 10:1.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The process of claim 7 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the HF and the Cl<sub>2</sub>, a molar ratio of the Cl<sub>2</sub> to the C-3 reactants used in step (a) reactant is at least about 8.2:1.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the HF and the Cl<sub>2</sub>, a molar ratio of the HF to the C-3 reactants used in step (a) reactant is from about 6:1 to about 64:1.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The process of claim 9 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the HF and the Cl<sub>2</sub>, a molar ratio of the HF to the C-3 reactants used in step (a) reactant is at least about 35:1.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 product with the HF, a molar ratio of the HF to perhalogenated compounds used in step (b) the C-3 product is from about 6:1 to about 64:1.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The process of claim 11 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 product with the HF, a molar ratio of the HF to perhalogenated compounds in step (b) the C-3 product is at least about 30:1.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the CF<sub>3</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> with the HF, a molar ratio of the HF to CFC-216aa used in step (e) the CF<sub>3</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> is from about 1:1 to about 30:1.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The process of claim 13 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the CF<sub>3</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> with the HF, a molar ratio of the HF to CFC-216aa used in step (e) the CF<sub>3</sub>CCl<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> is at least about 10:1.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  with the  $\text{H}_2$ , a molar ratio of the  $\text{H}_2$  to CFC-217ba used in step (d) the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  is from about 0.2:1 to about 10:1.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The process of claim 15 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  with the  $\text{H}_2$ , a molar ratio of the  $\text{H}_2$  to CFC-217ba used in step (d) the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  is at least about 1.2:1.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 further comprising ~~the addition of water in step (d)~~ during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  with  $\text{H}_2$ , contacting the fourth catalyst with water.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): The process of claim 17 wherein the water is present in an amount from about 0.04 to about 12 percent by weight of the  $\text{C}_3\text{ClF}_7$   $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$ .

Claim 19 (Currently amended): The process of claim 18 wherein the ~~water~~ amount is about 0.8 percent by weight of the CFC-217ba  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$ .

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 further comprising ~~the addition of  $\text{Cl}_2$  in step (b)~~ during the contacting of the C-3 product with HF, contacting the C-3 product with  $\text{Cl}_2$ .

Claim 21 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein the ~~metal-containing~~ first catalyst of step (a) comprises chromium and a catalyst support.

Claim 22 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein the ~~metal-containing~~  
second catalyst of step (b) comprises chromium and a catalyst support.

Claim 23 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein the ~~metal-containing~~  
third catalyst of step (c) comprises chromium and a catalyst support.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein the ~~metal-containing~~  
fourth catalyst of step (d) comprises ~~Pd~~ palladium and a catalyst support.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 further comprising ~~the addition~~  
~~of diluent in at least one of steps (a)-(d)~~ , during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with  
HF and Cl<sub>2</sub>, contacting the C-3 reactant with a diluent.

Claim 26 (Currently amended): The process of claim 1 wherein, ~~in at least one of steps~~  
~~(a)-(c), underfluorinated products are recycled to at least one of steps (a)-(c)~~ the C-3  
product further comprises a halogenation by-product and, during the contacting of the  
C-3 reactants with the Cl<sub>2</sub> and the HF, the C-3 reactants further comprises the  
halogenation by-product.

Claims 27-38 (Cancelled).

Claim 39 (Currently amended): A process for producing ~~HFC-227ea~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CFHCF<sub>3</sub> comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) ~~contacting a C-3 reactants selected for the group consisting of aliphatic, olefinic, or partially halogenated hydrocarbons having at least three carbon atoms, reactant comprising one or more of perhydrogenated and partially halogenated C-3 hydrocarbons~~ with Cl<sub>2</sub> and HF in the presence of a ~~metal containing first~~ catalyst at a sufficient first temperature to form ~~perhalogenated compounds~~ a C-3 product comprising a C-3 perhalogenated compound; and

(b) ~~contacting the perhalogenated compounds~~ C-3 product with HF in the presence of a ~~metal containing second~~ catalyst at a sufficient second temperature to form ~~GFC-217ba~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CClFCF<sub>3</sub>;

(c) ~~contacting the GFC-217ba~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CClFCF<sub>3</sub> with H<sub>2</sub> in the presence of a ~~metal containing third~~ catalyst at a sufficient third temperature to form ~~HFC-227ea~~ CF<sub>3</sub>CFHCF<sub>3</sub>.

Claim 40 (Original): The process of claim 39 wherein the first temperature is at least about 150°C, the second temperature is at least about 200°C, and the third temperature is at least about 30°C.

Claim 41 (Original): The process of claim 40 wherein the first temperature is from about 150°C to about 300°C, the second temperature is from about 200°C to about 550°C, and the third temperature is from about 30°C to about 275°C.

Claim 42 (Currently amended): The process of claim 41 wherein the first temperature is at least about 220°C, the second temperature is at least about 470°C, and the third temperature is at least about 185°C.

Claim 43 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the Cl<sub>2</sub> and the HF, a molar ratio of HF:Cl<sub>2</sub> used in step (a) the HF to the Cl<sub>2</sub> is from about 0.75:1 to about 8:1.

Claim 44 (Currently amended): The process of claim 43 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the Cl<sub>2</sub> and the HF, a molar ratio of HF:Cl<sub>2</sub> used in step (a) the HF to the Cl<sub>2</sub> is at least about 4:1.

Claim 45 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the Cl<sub>2</sub> and the HF, a molar ratio of the Cl<sub>2</sub> to the C-3 reactants used in step (a) reactant is from about 8:1 to about 10:1.

Claim 46 (Currently amended): The process of claim 45 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the Cl<sub>2</sub> and the HF, a molar ratio of the Cl<sub>2</sub> to the C-3 reactants used in step (a) reactant is at least about 8.2:1.

Claim 47 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the Cl<sub>2</sub> and the HF, a molar ratio of the HF to the C-3 reactants used in step (a) reactant is from about 6:1 to about 64:1.

Claim 48 (Currently amended): The process of claim 47 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the  $\text{Cl}_2$  and the HF, a molar ratio of the HF to the C-3 reactants used in step (a) reactant is at least about 35:1.

Claim 49 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 product with the HF, a molar ratio of the HF to perhalogenated compounds used in step (b) the C-3 product is from about 6:1 to about 64:1.

Claim 50 (Currently amended): The process of claim 49 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the C-3 product with the HF, a molar ratio of the HF to perhalogenated compounds in step (b) the C-3 product is at least about 30:1.

Claim 51 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  with the  $\text{H}_2$ , a molar ratio of ~~HF~~ the  $\text{H}_2$  to the CFC-217ba  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  used in step (c) is from about 0.2:1 to about 10:1.

Claim 52 (Currently amended): The process of claim 51 wherein ~~the~~ during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  with the  $\text{H}_2$ , a molar ratio of the  $\text{H}_2$  to the CFC-217ba  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  used in step (c) is at least about 1.2:1.

Claim 53 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 further comprising ~~the addition of water in step (c)~~, during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  with the  $\text{H}_2$ , contacting the third catalyst with water.



Claim 54 (Currently amended): The process of claim 53 wherein the water is present in an amount from about 0.04 to about 12 percent by weight of the CFC-217ba CF<sub>3</sub>CClFClF<sub>3</sub>.

Claim 55 (Currently amended): The process of claim 54 wherein the ~~water~~ amount is about 0.8 percent by weight of the CFC-217ba CF<sub>3</sub>CClFClF<sub>3</sub>.

Claim 56 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 further comprising ~~the addition of Cl<sub>2</sub> in step (b),~~ during the contacting of the C-3 product with HF, contacting the C-3 product with Cl<sub>2</sub>.

Claim 57 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein the ~~metal-containing~~ first catalyst of step (a) comprises chromium and a catalyst support.

Claim 58 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein the ~~metal-containing~~ second catalyst of step (b) comprises chromium and a catalyst support.

Claim 59 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein the ~~metal-containing~~ third catalyst of step (c) comprises ~~Pd~~ palladium and a catalyst support.

Claim 60 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 further comprising ~~the addition of diluent in at least one of steps (a)-(b),~~ during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with Cl<sub>2</sub> and HF, contacting the C-3 reactant with a diluent.

Claim 61 (Currently amended): The process of claim 39 wherein, ~~in at least one of steps (a)-(b), underfluorinated products are recycled to at least one of steps (a)-(b)~~ the C-3 product further comprises a halogenation by-product and, during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with the  $\text{Cl}_2$  and the HF, the C-3 reactant further comprises the halogenation by-product.

Claims 62-88 (Cancelled).

Claim 89 (New): The process of claim 1 further comprising, during the contacting of the C-3 product with the HF, contacting the C-3 product with a diluent.

Claim 90 (New): The process of claim 1 further comprising, during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{CF}_3$  with the HF, contacting the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{CF}_3$  with a diluent.

Claim 91 (New): The process of claim 1 further comprising, during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClCF}_3$  with the  $\text{H}_2$ , contacting the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClCF}_3$  with a diluent.

Claim 92 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{CF}_3$  with the HF also forms a halogenation exchange by-product and, during the contacting of the C-3 product with HF, the C-3 product further comprises the halogenation exchange by-product.

Claim 93 (New): The process of claim 92 wherein the halogenation exchange by-product comprises one or more of  $\text{CF}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$ , and  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_5\text{Cl}_3$ .

Claim 94 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{CF}_3$  with the HF also forms halogenation exchange by-product and, during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with  $\text{Cl}_2$  and HF, the C-3 reactant further comprises the halogenation exchange by-product.

Claim 95 (New): The process of claim 94 wherein the halogenation exchange by-product comprises one or more of  $\text{CF}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$ , and  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_5\text{Cl}_3$ .

Claim 96 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein the first and the second catalysts comprise the same material.

Claim 97 (New): The process of claim 1 wherein the first and the second catalyst comprise the same material as the third catalyst.

Claim 98 (New): The process of claim 39 further comprising, during the contacting of the C-3 product with the HF, contacting the C-3 product with a diluent.

Claim 99 (New): The process of claim 39 further comprising, during the contacting of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  with the  $\text{H}_2$ , contacting the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CClFCF}_3$  with a diluent.

Claim 100 (New): The process of claim 39 wherein the contacting of the C-3 product with the HF also forms a halogenation exchange by-product and, during the contacting of the C-3 reactant with  $\text{Cl}_2$  and HF, the C-3 reactant further comprises the halogenation exchange by-product.

101 (New): The process of claim 100 wherein the halogenation exchange by-product comprises one or more of  $\text{CF}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{CF}_3$ , and  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_5\text{Cl}_3$ .

Claim 102 (New): The process of claim 39 wherein the first and the second catalysts comprise the same material.

Claim 103 (New): The process of claim 39 wherein the first and the second catalyst comprise the same material as the third catalyst.